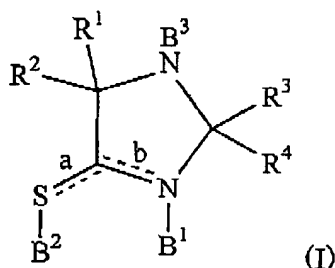
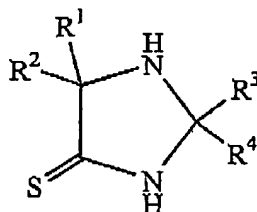


Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

A method for making a compound of formula (I)



wherein bonds a and b are single or double bonds, provided that one of a and b is a single bond and the other is a double bond; one of B<sup>1</sup> and B<sup>2</sup> is ~~—CHR<sup>5</sup>—CHR<sup>6</sup>—C(Y)ZR<sup>7</sup>, —CR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>—NHR<sup>12</sup> or hydrogen~~ and the other is absent; B<sup>3</sup> is ~~—C(W)NHR<sup>8</sup> or hydrogen; provided that one of B<sup>1</sup>, B<sup>2</sup> and B<sup>3</sup> is not hydrogen; Y and W are~~ is O or S; Z is O, S or NR<sup>9</sup>; R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl; R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl; R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, ~~R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup>~~ are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl. The method comprises steps of: (a) preparing an imidazolidinethione having formula



by combining a cyanide source, a sulfide salt, and at least one ketone or aldehyde;  
and (b) adding to the imidazolidinethione, without isolation of the  
imidazolidinethione, ~~one of (i) —CHR<sup>5</sup>—CHR<sup>6</sup>—C(O)OR<sup>7</sup>; (ii) R<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>C=O and R<sup>12</sup>NH<sub>2</sub>;~~  
~~(iii) R<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>C=NR<sup>12</sup>; and (iv) R<sup>8</sup>N=C=W~~ —CHR<sup>5</sup>—CHR<sup>6</sup>—C(O)OR<sup>7</sup>.